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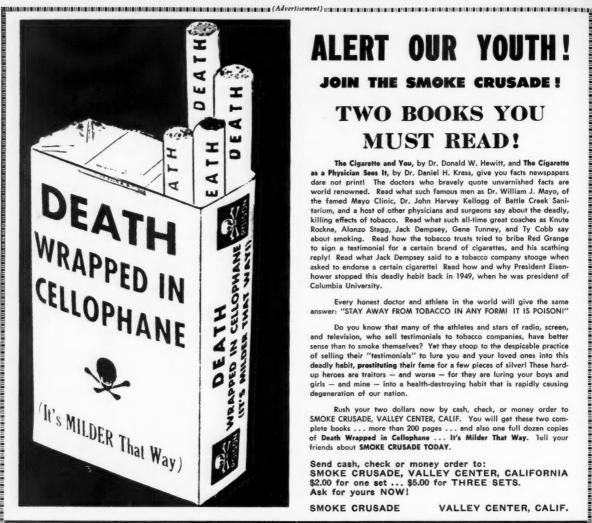


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AMERICA AND REVIVALS

No one familiar with American history will minimize the place that evangelism, great moral awakenings and high spiritual tides have occupied in the growth and development of the United States.

A religious revival is frequently a national necessity. It comes just in time to save a nation from disaster. This was true of Nineveh in the days of Jonah. It was also true of England under the impact of the Wesleyan revival.

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Free government became the crystalized expression of the spiritual liberty which the early Americans enjoyed in their souls.

Persons possessing discernment know, in the light of past experience, that above everything else, the United States needs today another sweeping revival, a new spiritual awakening. It will come when Americans recognize God, the necessity of God operating in their affairs individually and collectively.

There can be no revival without repentance for sins committed — sins personal, and sins national. When millions say it and mean it: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," . . . another mighty revival will sweep the land.



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THE STORY OF OLD GLORY

WHO SUGGESTED the combination of Stars and Stripes which make Old Glory the most beautiful banner in all the world?

Nothing really authentic on this subject is known. Various ideas have been suggested.

Some writers claim that they were taken from George Washington's coat of arms. Others think that the Stripes were taken from the thirteen Stripes in the banner of the Philadelphia Troop of Lighthorse.

But we do know that the first flag on which this combination appeared was made by Betsy Ross, who kept an upholstery shop in her little home located at 239 Arch Street ... Philadelphia — a place of great interest to visitors down to the present hour. That was the birthplace of Old Glory.

The new flag of the United States was flown the first time in battle at Fort Stanwix, renamed Schuyler, where Rome, New York now stands.

During the first two years of the Revolutionary War, all kinds of battle flags were carried on land and sea. Some of the designs were serious, while others were comic.

One of the most peculiar emblems used during that period was the Rattlesnake. The motto printed beneath the coiled reptile was, "Don't Tread On Me."

Another favorite device was a Pine Tree, of which several varieties were shown. These frequently appeared in the early stages of the Revolution.

The first flag to display thirteen Stripes but having, in place of the Stars, the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew, was known as the Great Union Flag, hoisted over the American camp of Cambridge in the year 1776. The design came very near being the same on the Star Spangled Banner.

It is peculiar that two trees are closely associated with the history of our

flag. First, the Pine Tree which, as explained, was used on some of the earlier flags. This device also appeared on silver coins of the Massachusetts Colony as early as 1650.

The second tree, and one far more important, was Liberty Tree. This was a grand old elm, standing in a grove on what is now Washington and Essex Streets, Boston. Its location is at present marked by a building on the front of which is a bas-relief of the tree, with the words "Liberty Tree."

The branches of this historic tree served as a canopy for many patriotic meetings.

On November 3, 1773, Boston citizens assembled there to consider resolutions prohibiting the consignees of cargoes of tea from selling the product on American soil.

A ship was then approaching the harbor. The proposed resolution provided that the cargoes be promptly returned to London. The demands of the colonists were ignored, and this resulted in the famous "Boston Tea Party," which took place December 6, 1773, when hundreds of chests of tea were cast into the bay.

In 1777, by resolution of the Constitutional Congress, it was provided that the Flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal Stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union have thirteen Stars.

In 1794, after two States had been admitted into the Union, Congress revised the plan so that the Stripes and Stars should be fifteen each.

But as the number of States increased, it became necessary to again change this law, and in 1818 a resolution was presented to the House of Representatives providing that the flag be thirteen Stripes, that the union have twenty Stars, and on the admission of a new state, one Star be added.

This became a law on April 4, 1819,

when the bill was signed by President Monroe.

Since that time, whenever a new State is admitted, the Stars in the union are slightly rearranged so as to accommodate one more.

The thirteen Stripes will, in all probability, forever remain the same, thus perpetuating the memory of those thirteen original States upon which this great Republic was founded.

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When the Stars were added to the thirteen Stripes, there was a prolonged dispute as to the proper arrangement. Captain Samuel C. Reid, commander of the famous privateer, "General Armstrong," was invited to suggest a design.

He recommended that the Stars be formed into one large five-pointed star, symbolizing the national motto, *E Pluribus Unum*, and that a Star be added for each new state.

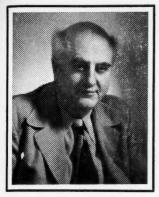
This was soon found to be impractical. As the number of states increased, the individual Stars composing the one large Star would be so small as to become almost indistinguishable.

The plan of arranging them in parallel rows was then adopted, and this arrangement has continued ever since.

The fate of the first Flag made under the Act of Congress in 1777 is shrouded in mystery. Historians do not know whether it was ever raised in defense of American liberty. This is one of several important events in American history that have never been made clear.

Briefly, this is the story of the evolution of Old Glory, which is now the emblem of the greatest Nation in the world. It stands for Civil Liberty and Justice ... and wherever unfurled, it waves unconquerable.

As this article is being written, it appears another Star may soon be added to the 48 which already grace Old Glory. In fact, there are some who say there will be yet a 50th Star in the near future. But only time will confirm or deny these rumors.



THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISERS

GERALD B. WINROD, D.D. (AS REPRINTED FROM THE DECEMBER 1929 DEFENDER)

MR. ERNEST GORDON rendered an incomparable service in 1926 when he published his book, "The Leaven of the Sadducees," which is a tremendous indictment and exposure of Modernism. In it he turns loose a barrage of facts and statistics which cannot be refuted.

He gives instance after instance where denominational schools and churches have been built up by evangelical Christians only to be filched, ravaged and demolished by modernistic teaching and methods.

Mr. Gordon lives in New England and writes with a conservatism that gives strength and force to his exposures. He has built up a case against the modernists which they have been unable to break down for the reason that his arguments are unanswerable. His book has been heralded by militant evangelical leaders as one of the most valuable volumes written in modern times.

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But what shall we say of the leaven of the Pharisees?

Remember, when Jesus used this phrase, He referred to both "the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." The Sadducees were the heretics and the Pharisees were the hypocrites.

When Paul was arrested and called before the Sanhedrin, we read that he commended himself to that body as a man who had "lived in all good conscience before God." The High Priest Ananias commanded that Paul should be smitten in the mouth for the statement which he made in his own defense.

While Paul was suffering from the sting of the embarrassment and the pain of the blow, he shouted back to

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(Stamp for postage appreciated). ADDRESS: BIBLE FACTS 531 Magnolia Palestine, Texas the High Priest, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall." Gaining his poise a moment later, Paul apologized for his bold outburst of speech.

After briefly studying the Sanhedrin with a careful eye, he realized that the body was made up of both Pharisees and Sadducees. Instantly he dropped a bomb that blew the dignified tribunal into shreds.

Like a flash he took sides with the Pharisees and shouted, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.'

Paul, of course, gained favor with the Pharisees who believed in the resurrection and brought on himself the wrath of the heretical Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection. It was like tying the tails of two tom cats together. The two opposing bodies broke up the meeting and Paul escaped.

The Pharisees were astonishingly powerful in ancient Jewry. They made the synagogue a permanent and widespread institution in Jewish life. They also organized a system of elementary religious instruction.

There were two schools of Pharisean thought. One, that of Hillel and the other of Shammai.

When Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." he was addressing His powerful polemic against both the formalism of the Pharisees, and the heretical teachings of the Sadducees.

In other words, He catalogued the religious leaders of His day, who taught an empty formalism, who strained over

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hairsplitting points of doctrine, who argued about minor theological interpretations, who lived only in the letter of the law — Jesus placed this group on the same level with the exponents of Modernism, and lashed them both with His powerful denunciation.

He knew that the hairsplitting Pharisees were as blinded to spiritual values as the modernists, even though they did have a sound doctrinal statement.

A Parallel

When Jesus applied the term "leato the Pharisees and the Sadducees, He was using a tremendous metaphor. We are familiar with the proverbial saying, "A little leaven leaven-eth the whole lump." In this respect leaven is emblematic of moral influence, good or bad, and represents the rapid spread of that influence.

Leaven is generally taken to represent wickedness in the Scriptures, though there are a few exceptions. It is generally described as a poison which works and moves and seeps through a

Jesus here refers to two destructive poisons which were leavening the lump of Jewish thought.

On the one hand, there was a modernistic leaven, and on the other hand there was a cold, chilling, icy leaven. One is pictured as being as destructive as the other.

Strange enough, in our day we find history moving in cycles. History repeats itself.

The Church of Jesus Christ has become susceptible to both kinds of leaven during the last few years.

On the one hand we have a bold, blatant, vicious, heretical Modernism that promotes doubt and brings into question every basic principle of the Christian religion.

On the other hand, there is growing rapidly in religious circles a cold, icy, dogmatic, bitter formalism which is equally paralyzing.

As we study conditions, there are many evidences to the effect that these two kinds of leaven are working in parallel, the same as in the day of Christ.

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Shibboleth

In the twelfth chapter of Judges we read of a battle which was raging between the Gileadites and the Ephraimites. The soldiers of Gilead defeated the soldiers of Ephraim. Finally the Gileadites, with a master stroke of strategy, took up positions at all the passages in the valley of the river Jordan.

Many of the Ephraimite soldiers escaped and could not be taken as prisoners. Coming up the river Jordan, they had to pass by the men of Gilead, who held the fortified positions along the river.

As the Ephraimites came marching by, the Gileadites asked each man, "Art thou an Ephraimite?" To avoid being captured, the Ephraimites all said, "No" but the Gileadites put the Ephraimites to a rigid test. They had a unique and crude way of determining whether or not they were telling the truth.

The Gileadites said to the Ephraimites, "Now say 'SHibboleth'." The Ephraimites answered and said, "SI-Boleth."

The Gileadites knew that it was impossible for an Ephraimite to frame the word "Shibboleth" correctly with his lips. He could not say "Sh." He could say "Si," but he could not say "Sh."

Because the Ephraimites could not say "Shibboleth," 42-thousand of them were slaughtered on the spot.

During the last few years there has been a growing tendency in religious circles to slaughter brethren for not pronouncing "Shibboleth" exactly as other religious leaders have thought it should be pronounced.

"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees."

How many religious organizations have been disrupted! How many churches have been torn to pieces! How many circles of leaders of evangelical thought have been upset! How many men have suffered because of hypercritical attacks!

How much hair splitting! How much bitterness! How much venom! How much mud slinging there has been in recent years due to the leaven of the Pharisees! Invariably when you find a man straining at a gnat, you will see him swallow a camel sooner or later!

The question is not, "Do you sing out of my hymn book?" The question is not, "Do you pronounce Shibboleth correctly?" The question is not, "Do

you subscribe to every tenet of my creed?" The question is not, "Are you identified with my sect?" The question is, "Have you been born again?" The question is, "Do you possess life eternal?"

The church of Jesus Christ is an organism, bound together with life, and we fellowship primarily in life and not on doctrine. If we are partakers of the same eternal life, bound together by the same Spirit of Christ, there should be no place, or time, in our ranks, for Phariseeism.

Our creeds, doctrines and theology are not worth the paper they are written on except as they tend to produce Christian character and eternal life in the hearts of believers.

The church is not builded upon a creed. The church is not builded upon a system of theology. The church is not builded upon a system of doctrine. The church is built upon the Person, and around the Person, and in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the experiencing of that Person in consciousness. The nearer to Christ you get, the smaller your theology becomes.

If a man has experienced regeneration and has in him the life of Christ, he is my brother, and I will fellowship with him no matter how he pronounces "Shibboleth."

In recent years the lines have been drawn entirely too close among many men who share the evangelical position. The result is, men who should stand for the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, who should meet the attacks of Satan with an organized front, who should demonstrate a big, whole-hearted, loving, sympathetic, magnanimous spirit one for another, are chopped up into cliques and clans, isms and spasms and are dominated, in too many instances, by an egotistical bigotry that makes fellowship as pleasant among the brethren as fellowship among porcupines.

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A Difficult Problem

We are not unmindful of the fact that it is difficult to always know where to draw the lines. Within the bounds of evangelical testimony, during the last few years, it is true that there have crept certain questionable teachings which have had to be dealt with.

Believing that some of the more recent movements have not had a Scriptural basis, not a few religious leaders have felt called upon to smite them openly. These leaders have felt that open exposure was the best remedy. And no doubt some of the discussions have been justified by the false interpretations placed upon certain passages of Scripture by zealots, who have exalted

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The Modernist Says:

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Bob Ingersoll Said:

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one or two doctrines above other important doctrines.

But even under these circumstances, sometimes it is not nearly as urgent to expose what seems to be erroneous teachings as it appears at first glance.

It is generally our experience that false teaching automatically isolates itself. This has been true with one type of questionable teaching, which literally scores of evangelical leaders have united in attacking during recent years.

Had they waited, they would have found that the teaching was doomed to fall by its own weight, and that the disease would automatically isolate itself.

Remember the words of the great Gamaliel: "Take heed to yourselves . for if this counsel of the work be of men, it will come to naught: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

In any event, it is a rare circumstance where it is actually necessary for one religious leader to attack another. It often brings temporary delight to a man when he can openly smash the man with whom he may not agree, but it is seldom warranted by the facts, and the deed invariably reacts against the cause of Christ, when considered as a whole.

Men should discuss principles as nearly as possible and not personalities. Moreover, let it be remembered that no man is justified in exalting himself to the position of judgment over other men.

There is one Judge and when a religious leader deliberately places himself in the seat of judgment, he is on very dangerous ground.

The admonition is, "Judge nothing before the time." The "time" is the Judgment Seat of Christ!

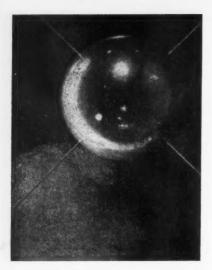
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A TRAGIC LITTLE FAMILY

"In my missionary work I have come across the tragic situation of a family that lives in a dark, most unsanitary and extremely poor room," writes our Gospel worker Emanuel. "It is the family of Christos Vanvakas. As soon as one enters this little room, he is almost overcome by the heavy foul odor caused by so many people living in such a cramped space. One wonders how people manage to live under such conditions. There is hardly any furniture in the room. On an extremely old and dilapidated bed with covers that are nothing but rags were 4 little children from 6 years old to only 5 months. The two girls were suffering from the flu and the two boys had incipient tuberculosis. The mother suffers from a heart ailment although she is only 28. The father gets only occasional jobs of work for the city.

"The tragic thing about it is that when the father does get together the \$10 a month rent, it leaves nothing for food and they just go hungry. The neighbors, who themselves are very poor, feel so sorry for this family that they give them a little bread and other food as they can, and thus they manage to keep alive. I felt so terribly sorry for them that my heart ached. It was terrible to listen to these children cry and beg for a little more milk, an orange, etc. When I gave them a little help, the eyes of the poor mother filled with tears. I spoke to them about the love of God, and comforted and encouraged them all I could. As I left, I prayed that God would have mercy on these people. May the Lord lead any who read this letter to show the love of Christ to this desperately needy family."

It is indeed tragic that such conditions exist in the world today. We feel that they constitute a challenge to our Christian conscience. For only \$6 we can send a 22-lb, clothing package to this family; \$1 will provide 22 lbs. of U.S. surplus food; \$10 will pay the rent for one month; and \$1 will provide a Greek Bible. You may help them through the American Mission to Greeks, Inc., Rev. Spiros Zodhiates, General Secretary. Dept. DF, P.O. Box 423, New York 36, N. Y. (In Canada: 90 Duplex Ave., Toronto 7, Ontario).



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For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Genesis 3:19.

Ever since these words were spoken by the Creator, forever binding unregenerate man's body to the earth from which it was taken, there has been an inherent desire of the soul of man to reach upward to a higher sphere of existence.

As tripartite man realizes that his body is destined to dust, it intensifies his desire for immortality.

How do we know but that the eternal God let it happen this way to intensify man's desire for fellowship with God, the source of life, and thus, by this testing, prove who is worthy of eternal life? This innate desire in man is given by God to lead man to the path which leads to immortality.

The capacity of the soul of man is infinite, if only he would follow the leadership of God's spirit. But alas! the enemy of God and man has succeeded in smothering this instinct in the majority of men by causing them to give vent to the desires of the flesh and the pride of life. Some have tried to ascend above this mortal sphere of existence by self-will and in defiance of God.

Satan, because of his wisdom and beauty, proposed within himself to ascend above his God-ordained sphere of existence. He said, "I will ascend into heaven." (Isaiah 14:13) Because of this, God cast him out of heaven, and will cast him down to the sides of the pit.

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After Satan's fall, the human race was created and placed in the Garden of Eden. Here, Satan injected into Eve the desire to eat the forbidden fruit and thus to gain wisdom and to lift her self out of her God-ordained sphere of existence. Here, God judged this spirit of Eve as He did Satan before her.

If Adam and Eve had stood the test, we have no way of knowing but that God would have eventually lifted them to this high plane of existence that they aspired to because of their obedience.

The Scriptures declare that God will freely give us all things. The Scriptures also declare that man's effort is not crowned unless he strives lawfully.

Eve tried to gain this plane of existence in the same spirit of self-will and rebellion that caused Satan to fall. God has this heavenly existence reserved for the obedient and those who are submissive to His will.

When this constant rebellion against God brought the race to destruction by means of the flood, God spared just eight persons as seed to replenish the earth.

Soon afterward, as the race began to increase, the innate desire in man to

break the bonds that bind him to this planet showed itself in the attempt to build the Tower of Babel. One of the primary reasons for building the Tower of Babel was that it might reach unto heaven. (Genesis 11:4)

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Here, the unregenerated race yielded to the spark of immortality in them which beckoned them toward a higher phase of existence. They were still trying to reach above their God-ordained estate to a higher plane by arrogant self-will and even insult to God.

They spurned all spiritual means of reaching a higher plane of existence. God never changes, so He saw this expression of defiance and self-will in the same light as He saw Satan's original sin and also Eve's.

He confused their tongues, and the nations with their different languages originated here. Their desire to reach heaven was an inherent God-given instinct. The crime was in trying in self-will and defiance of God.

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Now, in this latter half of the twentieth century, we find the minds of men the world over preoccupied with the effort to ascend into God's heaven of the planets. Man is more defiant, self-willed, and arrogant than ever, as we find him occupied with the effort of trying to leave this earth by his own power and ingenuity.

As King David, on still, clear nights during his shepherd days, gazed at the heavens embellished by the Milky Way

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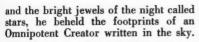
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In later years he said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." (Psalm 19:1, 2) "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." (Psalm 103:1)

It is not so with men today. After studying the movements of the solar system for thousands of years, men learned that the revolving and rotating movements of the planets and satellites of the solar system are governed by an immutable law of mathematics combined with a perfect balance between two opposing forces.

By a perfect balance between the force of gravity, which pulls an orbit in space towards a greater mass, and centrifugal force, created by a revolving object, which thrusts outward, God caused the solar system to gyrate.

By this wonderful wisdom exhibited by an Omniscient Intelligence, thousands of years before 1492, Job was able to declare that God hung the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7)

Now that man, after thousands of years of study, has grasped the mathematical intricacies governing the solar system and is able to predict an eclipse in advance, what does he do? Does he. like David, glorify the God which created the solar system? Does he cry for cleansing and the joy of God's salva-tion? (Psalm 51:12)

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No! In his arrogance, he thrusts out his chest and brags about his wisdom. He even mimics God, and by the knowledge of God's laws that govern the solar system he places a little speck of metal in an orbit.

He not only says, like his predecessors on the plains of Shinar, that he may reach unto heaven: he arrogantly declares that he will reach God's planetary heaven, and step from planet to planet at his own discretion.

In this self-willed boasting, man makes no effort at pleasing God and submitting to God's plan for interplanetary travel, but continues his downward plunge into depravity and sin's orgies.

In all the history of the human race, there have only been two men in their natural bodies who have enjoyed the mystic wonders of interplanetary travel; namely, Enoch and Elijah. Paul took a heavenly trip, but he did not know if he was in the body or out of the body. Enoch and Elijah were godly men and were transported through the heavens by God's power.

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In the past a created cherub, Lucifer, in self-will said, "I will ascend into heaven." This act introduced sin into the universe, and God slapped down this rebellious arrogance of a created being by casting him out of heaven and will eventually cast him into the lake of

This judgment caused the chaos that enveloped the pre-adamic earth.

When mother Eve and father Adam tried by self-willed disobedience to ascend above their God-ordained sphere of existence into the sphere of God's wisdom, it brought their fall and the ruin of the race.

When the men on the plains of Shinar aspired to reach into God's heaven by their own self-willed efforts, God sent them confusion of language and scattered them over the earth.

Now, in the end of this age, when all the signs point to the imminent fulfillment of God's promise to transport His saints through space by His mighty power, men have risen up and loudly boasted that they will travel in space

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from planet to planet by their own power and ingenuity.

The following statement of an eminent rocket scientist recently appeared in the Associated Press:

"We can have manned space flight in ten to fifteen years. Conquest of space means that man can utilize space; can be free to come and go in it as he wishes; to reign in it at his will."

If God heard the utterances of the primitive men on the plains of Shinar and was displeased with their boasting that their pile of mud might reach unto heaven, we may be assured that God takes note of the arrogant boasting of men today that they will reign in the heavens. God even has a group of angels reserved in chains because they kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation (Jude 1:6)

The advent of the Sputniks and Explorers are not specifically mentioned

in prophecy, but our present age that has produced them is foretold.

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4) "... none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." (Daniel 12:10)

The Second Coming

Men claim that the "beep beep" and electrical clickings of Sputnik and Explorer are telling them secrets about cosmic rays, meteorites, and outer space temperature.

The Sputniks and Explorers are visible exhibitions of the spirit of this generation; a generation that proposes to live their individual lives without God, to rule the world without God, and now, to occupy the heavens without God.

In every past instance, when created beings attempted to ascend above their God-ordained sphere of existence, God brought about a change of the existing order. According to the Scriptures, that is what is in store for this generation.

What Sputnik and Explorer are really telling those who understand is that we are in the end of an age and the present world order will soon undergo a complete change. This change will be brought about by the second coming of the Son of God.

What Sputnik and Explorer are saying to men by implication, or what they would be able to say as they pass each other in their orbits if they were endued with intelligence and the knowledge of the truth is: "Jesus is soon coming! Jesus is soon coming! The Kingdom of heaven is nigh at hand."

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The Archko Volume

The Defender Reviews a Book from the Past

Editor's Note: If the records translated and reproduced in "The Archko Volume" are true, then without question, it becomes one of the most important and valuable books in existence today. As far as can be learned, the authenticity of the documents has never been questioned. Some writers have confessed to a feeling of awe while reading them. Many have asked questions. Others have expressed amazement, but no attempt has been made to disprove them.

THE MAN responsible for the existence of "The Archko Volume" was careful to explain exactly how the records were discovered. His name was Rev. W. D. Mahan, Pastor of a Methodist Church in the village of DeWitt, Missouri

The story begins very early in the spring of 1856. A heavy snow had fallen. Much of the state was blanketed with ice and sleet. There was a knock at the door of the Pastor's cottage.

DeWitt had no hotel accommodations and a party of travelers was snow-bound in the community. Mr. Mahan took a member of the group into his home — including a Mr. H. C. Whydaman, from Europe.

With this simple beginning, one of the most interesting stories ever written started to unravel. The chain of events stemming from this source came to eventually include ... a trip to Europe by Mr. Mahan who, in company with noted linguists and translators, visited libraries in Rome and Constantinople ... the locating of a series of old manuscripts ... and finally the translation and publication of "Gamaliel's Interview with Joseph and Mary Concerning Jesus" ... the "Report of Caiaphas to the Sanhedrin Concerning the Execution of Jesus" ... "Herod's Defense Before the Roman Senate in Regard to His Conduct at

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Whydaman remained several days in the home of the Pastor. They talked of many things — history, art, literature, travel, philosophy and religion.

Years later, looking back upon the experience, Mr. Mahan wrote these words:

"I found Mr. Whydaman to be freely communicative. During his stay, he told me he had spent five years in the Vatican, where he saw a library containing 560,000 volumes.

"He told me that he had seen and read the records of Tiberius Caesar, and in what was called the 'Acta Pilati' — that is, the acts of Pilate — he had seen an account of the apprehension, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth; but said it did not add much to the commonly accepted teachings of Christianity. He told me he thought a transcript could be secured.

"After Mr. Whydaman's departure, I meditated upon what he had told me of those records, and thought that if a transcript could be obtained it would be very interesting, even if it did not add much to the present teachings of Christianity."

The Year 1883 found Mr. Mahan in Europe, doing the kind of research work for which his heart had yearned since 1856. He had succeeded in engaging the services of two scholars, eminently qualified for the task placed before them. At that time, the magazine, Brunswicker, carried an editorial by a Dr. Rubin which stated:

"I saw, while in the Vatican at Rome last week, Dr. W. D. Mahan, of Boonville, Missouri, Drs. McIntosh and Twyman of Scotland, with a number of clerks, both readers and scribes, going through the se old manuscripts and scrolls that have been lying there for hundreds, yea, thousands of years; they seem to be men of great age and learning, and well qualified for their business.

"They were going next week to Constantinople to go through the records of the Sanhedrin and the ancient Talmuds of the Jews. Their object is to bring out a new book as a supplement to 'Acti Pilati.'

"I am satisfied, from the character of the men and the nature of the book, it will prove to be one of the most interesting books ever presented to the Christian world, from the fact that all the works on archaeology have been written in such a style that but very few could read and understand them."

Mr. Mahan concluded his opening chapter of "The Archko Volume" with a sworn statement prepared by two Missouri attorneys...and notarized by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cooper County, Missouri, attesting the truthfulness of all statements made regarding the discovery of the records.

The first edition of the book, duly copyrighted by Mr. Mahan, was published in 1887. The copyright was renewed by the same owner in 1896. After Mr. Mahan's death, ownership of the copyright was transferred to his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Green.

In 1945 Dr. Winrod, the founder of this publication, stated: "It was, as I recall, in the year 1922 that 'The Archko Volume' first came to my attention. The various reports contained therein made a lasting impression upon my mind. I happened to be passing through Boonville, Missouri in the summer of 1926 and called at the home of Mrs. J. M. Green, daughter of the late Rev. Mahan.

"She vouched for the veracity of her father's writings. She told me many interesting things about his life and ministry. He was beyond question a sincere Christian and loyal Gospel Preacher.

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THE REASONS given by Mr. Mahan for accepting the records as authentic are too numerous to be reproduced in this review. But a few of his deductions demand consideration. He says:

"Upon getting hold of this report of Pilate, I commenced to investigate this subject, and after many years of trial and the expenditure of considerable money, I found that there were many of such records still preserved at the Vatican in Rome and at Constantinople, that had been carried there by the Emperor of Rome about the middle of the third century. I therefore procured the necessary assistance, and on September 21, 1883, I set sail for those foreign lands to make the investigation in person."

No event of such importance as the death of Jesus of Nazareth could have transpired without some record being made of it in the courts, legislative halls and histories of the nations then in existence — particularly the Roman Empire.

Why had such historians as Philo, Tacitus, Quintilian and Josephus told us nothing, or so little about Jesus? This question puzzled Mr. Mahan ... but he eventually learned the answer.

"I asked all the wise men and scholars I met, and they did not know. I wrote to many scholars in Europe, and they could not tell me. I went to our histories — Mosheim, Lardner, Stackhouse and others. They gave me no satisfaction.

"I thought to myself: Is it possible that the character of such men as the early Christians, and the wonderful excitement that they created in their day, could have been passed over and no records made of them?

"Now the reader must remember that there never was anything that created so much excitement in the land of Judaea as the preaching of John the Baptist and Christ. The great Sanhedrin legislated for the souls and bodies of men; that is, their religion and their politics were one and the same thing.

"In the capitulation made with Augustus Caesar it was understood and agreed that the Jews were to pay a tax to the Romans, but the Romans were not to interfere with the Jewish religion. This took the executive power out of the hands of the Romans. This is the reason Jesus was sent to Pilate to be executed.

"The Romans had to carry out and execute the decisions of the Jewish courts on all Jewish questions. This is the reason Herod Antipas was tried by the Roman Senate; he had executed John the Baptist without a trial.

"Then we see why the Jews and Romans worked together on all questions of law; hence the great excitement of both nations. This is the reason Pilate made his report to Caesar.

"I say no event creating so much excitement could take place without more or less record being made of it; for if the Scripture is true — and I believe it is — there never was a man on earth who had so many followers in so short a time.

"Caiaphas says Jesus had been preaching three years, and he then had more followers than Abraham. This causes me to say again that if the New Testament records are true, then the historical items contained in this book must be true."

Dr. Rashi, of Paris, wrote during the twelfth century (Volume III, page 190), that in the formation of ancient libraries, there were men appointed to positions of responsibility called bealic suphoths, which means "book compilers."

These offices were invariably filled by men of Jewish nationality. This was a trade of great importance demanding the best of scholarship.

Mr. Mahan explains: "We find that the works of Philo were compiled by Pseudonymaus Joseph Ben Gorion,

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"Josephus was compiled by Ekaba, another Jewish doctor, at the close of the second century; and so with all the historians who lived near the Christian era.

"Josephus was published in book form by Havercamp, in Amsterdam, in 1729. Now all Havercamp had to guide him was what Ben Gorion had said. So it was with Philo, which was put in book form by Mangey, in London, in 1742; all he had was what Ekaba had pleased to compile of his works and, as there was deadly hatred between the Jews and Christians at that time, it is most reasonable to believe that those compilers would leave everything out that would favor the Christians.

"It was to their own interest at that time to bury the name of Christ in eternal oblivion; and this is the reason that all the historians who lived and wrote in those days are made to say so very little about Christ or His followers."

Mr. Mahan says in consulting scholars, some suggested the possibility of monks forging manuscripts regarding Christ in the Middle Ages.

"Now they may have forged some things to sustain their peculiar views and doctrines, something to sustain their church," says Mr. Mahan, "but there is nothing in this book to sustain Catholicism, and if every word of it was forgotten it would add nothing to that Church more than to any other Church.

"Then I remembered the Vatican library was one of the most extensive in the world; it has cost millions of dollars. How did those forgers know that I or any other man would come there and pay them a few dollars to get a transcript of those records? It would certainly be a very poor speculation."

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- (2) Mr. Mahan says: "Some historian has said that the copies of the Scriptures made by the Roman Emperor were so large it took two men to open them. While in Constantinople I found one of these volumes nicely cased, marked with the Emperor's name and date upon it. I judge it to be about two and a half by four feet square, and two feet thick." Constantine's purpose in producing these 50 Bibles during the fourth century comprises one of the most interesting chapters of the entire "Archko Volume."
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forty-five years of age, abounds with a cheerful and happy spirit and is full of happy fancies." This document contains Mary's word-for-word report of the virgin birth of Christ.

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- (5) The High Priest was compelled to give a report, and make a defense of the conduct of his office in shaping the events that led up to the execution of Christ.
- (6) The High Priest made damaging admissions in his statement to the Sanhedrin regarding the resurrection. The New Testament record of the great deception perpetrated in trying to make it appear our Lord did not rise from the dead is here confirmed.
- (7) Pilate's report to Caesar opens with these words: "Noble Sovereign, Greetings: The events of the last few days in my province have been of such a character that I will give the details in full as they occurred, as I should not be surprised if, in the course of time, they may change the destiny of our nation, for it seems of late that all the gods have ceased to be propitious. I am almost ready to say, Cursed be the day that I succeeded Vallerius Flaceus in the government of Judaea; for since then my life has been one of continual uneasiness and distress."
- (8) For reasons previously explained, Herod Antipater was compelled to make a report to the Roman Senate on his behavior in ordering the murder of innocent children at the time of Christ's birth. He tells of "three strange, fantastic-looking men" calling at his palace enroute to Bethlehem.
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Take them therefore Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause;

And if they persist in their sanguinary purpose, O let the voice of Thy own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation, that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectively restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety prevail among Thy people.

Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them, and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest obedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come.

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"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18.

I'VE BEEN ASKED a thousand times if Jesus drank intoxicating liquor when He was upon earth, and I've been told another thousand times that anybody who is a teetotaler, or a total abstainer in the matter of alcoholic liquors goes contrary to Jesus, both His teaching and His example.

I have been reminded countless times that Paul wrote to Timothy, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities."

Whenever you speak about the evils of drinking alcoholic beverage, people remind you that Jesus performed the first miracle of His ministry by changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

They also say, "Haven't you read Luke 7:33-35, the words of Christ: 'For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners'!"

I've read all these things and spent many hours studying the significance of these Scriptures. I believe that Christ went to many dinners and social affairs during His earthly ministry.

Most Bible interpreters believe that quite likely He drank sparingly the light sour wine that was always served at the tables. It was the daily beverage of the Jews of that day.

But it is difficult for anyone who knows Christ and His redemptive, regenerating purposes to believe that He ever became a slobbering inebriate, nor did He create anything that would make people lose their senses and become drunkards.

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While nature produces grapes, it does not produce wine unless man interferes with nature's processes. Remember

The Bible teaches temperance, which means self-control. It commends those who do not drink. Drunkenness has always been condemned by both God and right-thinking men. The old Roman Seneca declared drunkenness was voluntary madness.

The only sin of Noah recorded in the Bible is the incident of his drunkenness. Whether he was responsible for that or not I do not know; I only know it's

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a blot upon the character of a grand old man, and I know also that the sin of Ham connected with it, and God's curse that resulted, has been a blight on the races of the world to this day.

The statement of Jesus concerning the contrast between Himself and John the Baptist is quite significant. One must study the whole story.

The seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel has a great deal to say about John the Baptist who was then in prison and slowly but surely fading out of the picture as far as his influence upon Israel was concerned, and later was to be beheaded by Herod.

Poor John in prison couldn't understand why he, Christ's forerunner, who had introduced the Messiah to the world, should be in such sad circumstances, and John sent two of his disciples to Jesus, asking, "Art thou he that should come: or look we for another?"

You see, John wanted definite word from Jesus whether or not He was the Messiah, for John had introduced Him as such; but in his trial and tribulation the Baptist was beginning to doubt whether this was the man or whether there should be another to come that would be the Messiah and would deliver His people.

Jesus Versus John

Jesus turned to the crowds and gave this challenging testimony. "What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind (that is, a weakling)?" Then He said, "Behold, they which are gorgeously appareled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

"But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

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Jesus then asked, "Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? They are like unto children sitting in the market-place, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept."

That is to say, the people had not responded to the ministry of John and were not now responding to the ministry of Jesus.

So the Lord said, "You didn't like John, and you don't like me. For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!"

Pharisees Probably Lied

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Now whether this was true of Christ, or whether it was a lying statement of the Pharisees, we do not know. The record says that Christ often ate and drank with other men.

Luke 5:29-30 tells how Matthew, after he became Christ's disciple, made a great feast at his house for his fellow publicans (tax-collectors). Christ was the guest of honor and the indignant Pharisees accused Him of eating and drinking with publicans and sinners.

We must remember that John the Baptist was an ascetic; Jesus was not. Christ called Himself the Son of man, and identified himself with the whole human race. John belonged to the order of the Nazarites, an Old Testament sect whose members were not allowed to touch wine.

The Nazarite vow included this statement: "He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes or dried."

Now Jesus was not a Nazarite. He is called the Nazarene, but that refers to the place where He lived, Nazareth.

It has been popular the last few years to present Jesus as a hail-fellow-wellmet, a sort of religious Bohemian of His day, but this to my mind is slander.

The Greek word that is translated "wine" is oinos and seems to be a generic term in the sense that it applies to all kinds of beverages that come from the juice of the grape. The Hebrew word is yayin, the Latin, vinos.

It is a mistake to think that there was no such thing as unfermented grape juice in the days of Christ. We have a record of the use of a thick syrup made from the grape; and watered down for a beverage.

The liquid was non-alcoholic and non-intoxicating. The grape juice was prepared by heating it as soon as possible after it had been squeezed in the press, and then boiling to prevent fermentation, and then preserved. Even though unfermented, it was called "wine."

The Marriage Feast

Perhaps the most difficult experience for temperance people to face in the ministry of Christ is the story of Jesus' changing the water into wine at the Marriage Feast in Cana of Galilee.

This was the first miracle that Christ performed. It is found in John's Gospel, chapter two, verses one through ten. We read there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was present; and Jesus was invited to the marriage along with His disciples!

Those weddings were not short affairs, but lasted for days sometimes, and we are told that the wine ran short. Then Mary, Jesus' mother, came and said, "They have no more wine."

Jesus gave a startling reply to her, saying, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

Then his mother said to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

There were set before Him six waterpots of stone for the Jewish purification. Each one held two or three firkins apiece.

Jesus said, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they accordingly filled them to the brim.

Then the Lord said to them, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast." And they did so. And when the governor (or master) of the feast tasted the water which had become wine, and not knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

The term "good wine" was used by the ancients for the sweetest and nicest flavored to the taste — not as some would say — the most intoxicating.

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acle. I like to think that He created something that only God could create, a veritable heavenly nectar.

It brought radiance and joy to the heart, warmth to the whole personality. It exhilerated but it did not inebriate. It brightened the eye, but didn't befog the mind.

I don't believe Jesus could be classified with those who, for profit, make something to take away mens' reason and control over themselves! Intoxicating liquor depresses the nerve centers, dulls the mind, affects the muscular movement, stirs men's passions.

Our Lord was always constructive in His miracles. He never took a man who could see and blinded him. He never took a man who could hear and make him deaf, nor did He take a healthy person and make him a cripple.

Jesus always was constructive — made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk, leap and praise God!

Mary Gives Orders

Remember that Christ was just starting out on His messianic ministry and a tremendous change had come over His personality. He was no longer a child of His mother, no longer the provider of the family working in the carpenter shop. He was now launched on His messianic ministry for God His Father.

Obviously, Mary couldn't get used to that, as many a mother today can't get used to the change that comes over her boy in maturity. She likes to think of her son as still a boy — her boy.

Mary came to Christ and said, "They have no wine." That was a simple statement of fact, but of course Jesus could see beyond the words the intent of Mary. He must have seen a demand from her that He do something miraculous to prove that He was a Miraculous Being as she knew Him to be because of what the angel had told her.

She knew that Christ was virgin-born, a miraculous Person. It would seem that Jesus' reply, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" is rather abrupt, almost Copies of the full text of this article published originally by Dr. Ayer in his MARCHING TRUTH publication are available at 15c each from his office, Box 403, New York 8, New York.

a rebuke. But really it is not a reproach.

He used the same word on the cross, "Woman, behold thy Son." Mary was neither humbled nor discouraged.

The Revised Version translates Christ's words the other way round, saying, "O woman, what have you to do with me?"

That's significant. But the literal translation of the Greek text would read something like this, "What to me and to thee, woman?" or "What is there between me and thee?"

Mary was doubtless thinking she still had a right to direct Christ. Was she not His mother, and He her Son? Should they not have everything in common?

Millions still believe that some such relationship exists between Christ and His mother. Scripture contradicts that, for immediately when Jesus at the baptism of John entered His messianic ministry, the normal relationship between him and his family was broken forever. Everything in the experience of Christ reveals that.

But let's look at the picture again. The wedding guests probably had been drinking fermented wine, with a low but effective alcoholic content. Many may have been intoxicated. Perhaps this was what called forth the stern words from Christ to Mary. They had had enough of the wine that intoxicated and He would not add to that.

If we believe that Jesus created intoxicating wine at Cana, we're forced to the belief that He created enough to keep the people roaring drunk for days and weeks. There were six waterpots each, containing two or three firkins, or twenty to thirty gallons. That would mean that Christ made 150 gallons of intoxicating liquor, perhaps more. What an invitation to a drunken binge that

would be! They could stay drunk for a week!

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Mary obviously had her mind on an earthly and degenerate wine; she knew no better. But Jesus had something better in mind — a wine that could really come to the multitude only after He had spilled the blessed wine of His blood upon Calvary's Cross.

That's the reason He said, "Mine hour is not yet come." Remember that when the master of the feast tasted, he knew this was something different, superior to anything that he had ever had.

If you can get hold of any of the wine that Jesus made, you're perfectly safe in drinking it.

Symbol of Joy

But all this is a figure. Wine is used in the Bible as a symbol of joy, and Jesus proved in the first miracle of His manifestation that He was really a joybringer. He doesn't have any place for long-faced Christians.

Christ came that people might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. Christ's spirit is the true wine of Christian living!

But someone asks, "Didn't Jesus use intoxicating wine at the Lord's Supper?"

Many Bible scholars believe He did not. How do they know? Because the Lord's Supper was instituted right after Christ and His disciples had celebrated the Passover Feast.

Jesus took bread, blessed it and brake it and gave it unto them, and said, "This is my body." and then He took the cup and said, "This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many." But the cup could not have contained fermented wine. Why?

In the first place, while some disagree, most scholars think that if the Passover were properly celebrated, there could be no leaven present. Leaven is fermentation (it really is corruption); and God had commanded Israel in many places to have no leaven in the house when the Passover was celebrated.

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very strict about this. Orthodox Jews, I understand, to this very day see to it that there is no leaven present in the household at Passover time.

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Now leaven is a form of corruption. Jesus warned against corruption in His day, warned against the leaven of the Sadducees, the leaven of the Pharisees, and the leaven of Herod, and showed that this was permeating evil in the pure meal of God's truth.

Leaven is albumenous matter in a decaying or corrupt state, and all leaven or ferment was strictly excluded from the Passover.

So it is plain that Jesus had no fermented wine on the table for the Passover Feast that preceded the institution of the Lord's Supper, for intoxicating wine and fermentation is leaven.

Furthermore, the word "wine" is not used in any of the Gospels. In every case Christ speaks of the Fruit of the Vine. The fruit of the vine is grapes and grape juice. The vine does not produce fermented wine.

I feel sure that Jesus would never have used alcoholic beverage in connection with the Lord's Supper as a symbol of His cleansing blood. Nothing could have been used by the Lord Jesus that more adequately portrayed His life-giving power than the wheat and the grape, those perfect foods.

The fruit of the vine, scientists tell us, contain those delicate elements which are essential for the body's life and prosperity. However, fermentation, we are told, destroys ninety-eight per cent of that value.

Christ's Sinless Blood

It is plain to me that to properly serve the Lord's Supper and portray the broken body of Christ and His shed blood, you must have unleavened bread and unfermented wine.

Paul warns, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." A Spirit-filled person certainly doesn't need alcohol as a stimulant!

To sum up, I must say that Jesus came to redeem men, not to degenerate them; He came to make them over into the image of God. And anyone who sees a drunken, slobbering man going along the street or lying in the gutter as the result of over-indulging alcoholic beverages, knows that that man has lost the image of God, and angels must weep over him.



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HANDS

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WHAT a wonderful power God has given to the hand. It has the art to comfort, to express love, to heal and to bless.

God expects those hands to be generous and always ready to give as well as to receive ... and because they are the hands of service, they are hands of beauty.

As the years pass, we often recall a mother's hands, toil-worn in service for her loved ones, and we see in memory father's hands too, sometimes horny and rough from hours of labor, but faithful in service to those they love.

Let us examine those hands so busy with the common tasks. If we have the eyes to see their shining ministry, they are beautiful too ... the hands of the plowman with his share deep in the loam, and the carpenter whose skillful hands build a home, and the gardener with reluctant sod, ever faithful to his partnership with God. These hands are the artesans of life.

Then we have the busy wife, tending a scarlet flame, watching a kettle or guarding a small child. There is no name for her great ministry. Hands are such expressive things. What is more adorable than the hands of a tiny child? Those busy fingers are forever getting into things and tormenting mother with their mischief.

A cry of pain, tears and sturdy little legs running to mother with a hurt finger, wanting sympathy and oh, the wonder of mom's healing kiss upon that tiny, injured member.

Then we have the hand of friendship. We all have been blessed by these loving hands. A warm hand clasp can do so much when trouble comes for there is nothing which does so much good to those in deep sorrow than to know through the clasp of a hand that friends are standing by, ready to be of service.

And how the world needs the guiding hand of a good father and a loving mother. This hand is so needed today when so many of our youth seem to have gotten out of control. They have forgotten the precepts taught at home

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Again memory brings to mind the toil-worn hands of age. I think those blue veined hands that once were young, so used to loving toil, hands that have eased pain, soothed a fevered child, caressing care from a loved ones brow ... those hands so used to countless homely tasks, idle now, yet clasped in prayer, give evidence that a force is open to all who are willing to learn and practice the selfless love required.

God has given us great gifts that we can share with others, but only as we use these endowments will they be rewarded and because of these sharing hands we can lift the horizon of hope for those caught in the bondage and suffering created by the wars of recent years and we can receive the blessing of joy and happiness because we have extended caring hands.

Yes! the most beautiful hands are the hands of prayer, opened to God in fervent petition. Indeed, praying hands are the most beautiful of all. A mother's, the toil-worn hands of father, children's tiny hands clasped in prayer at mother's knee, the well-groomed hands of youth in supplication ... yes, they are lovely hands.

No one knows the true power of prayer, but we know Someone is listening there Who sees those folded hands, Someone with a friendly ear that hears the heart calling; Someone Who knows that in those folded hands miracles lie.

The common tasks are the things God asks of any child; that we have a pride in our work and that we do our best.

Hands are funny things — four fingers and a thumb with a palm attached, and yet God has given the hand the power to comfort and to bless.



SUMMIT MEETINGS

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THE HOPES AND FEARS of our century seem to pivot upon the so-called "summit meetings" which characterize our day. Top conferees ride the international teeter-totter up and down, alternately lifting the harassed inhabitants of this weary world to Utopian heights only to plunge them suddenly into gloom with their off-again, on-again prophecies of the dawn of a new day, followed by a prognosis of dire things to come.

Almost simultaneously, from one corner of the mouth comes talk of disarmament, while from the other corner comes a vote for more billions to implement the mad, stepped up missile race.

We read that peaceful co-existence between the Godless and the Christian nations is possible, and in the next column to the left we all face hemispherical annihilation. It's peace, then panic! Little wonder most of us alternate between ague and apathy!

History should teach us a thing or two about Summit Meetings (Yalta, Teheran, Potsdam and Geneva,) where international chess players seal off huge segments of humanity, blindly hoping that concessions, parleying and placating will provide the panacea for the plight of our planet.

"The best laid schemes o'mice and men gang aft a-gley, an' lea'e us nought but grief and pain for promis'd joy." So wrote Robert Burns, and his words were never truer than when applied to summit conferences when God be not in all their thoughts!

What has happened in the past, or may occur in the future, at Summit Conferences, can never furnish a solid basis for the realization of the inner yearnings of the human heart, much less prove anything conclusive in dealing with the tyrannical tendencies of boastfully atheistic nations openly admitting to world designs. "Deal with Russia on her own level," says John Foster Dulles, and we will reduce ourselves to materialism and possibly atheism."

Not that there is no hope! On the contrary, there is abundant hope for all men based upon a Summit Meeting held not far, in miles, from either Yalta or Teheran. At that Meeting the issues affecting all mankind, past, present and

future were dealt with and the outcome decided.

Pooh-poohed by Communists, politely disregarded by non-Communists (many of them), nevertheless at that Summit Meeting on Mount Calvary, the Incomparable Christ clashed with the forces of evil and "spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Colossians 2:15.) From then on it was only a question of time until "the kingdoms of this world should become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

Nothing is more certain than the ultimate triumph of His cause based on the issues of that decisive Summit Meeting on a Hill Far Away! Over against all opposing philosophies, one ideology must be kept in sharp focus. It is this!

"Christ is reigning, Christ is conquering, Christ is triumphing" ... and He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He shall have set judgment in the earth.

For a world in dilemma, there is a key! Christ gave it to His followers at a later Summit Meeting on the nearby Mount of Ascension. This was, and still is, the key:

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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature ... make disciples of all nations ... lo, I am with you alway."

For the INDIVIDUAL, everything worthwhile in this life and the life to come hinges upon that Summit Meeting of all summit meetings. Here, Christ said of His sacrifice, "The Son of Man must be lifted up (on the cross), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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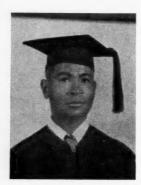
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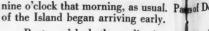
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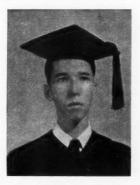
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Island, is known as our "parent congregation," because a little body of believers worshipping there first invited Dr. Winrod to their Island in the early 1930's.

The fruits of that first missionary visit, and others since, plus the untiring labors of Dr. Rodriguez and his native associates, are to be observed in more than one hundred and fifty Defender Churches - large and small, which today dot the Island.

Another Year Completed

On May 9th of this year, at 7:30 P.M., graduation exercises were held and diplomas presented to the twenty-six worthwhile students pictured on pages 20 and 21 of this Defender.

This service completed thirteen years of activity on the part of the Defenders Theological Seminary.

Commencement Week is always a stirring time on the Defender mission field in Puerto Rico. It is a week of special services, inspiring programs, and a time of heart searching for graduates as their days of study draw to a close — a time for the presentation of awards and degrees, and the beginning of a life of fruitful service for many.

Former graduates who are actively engaged in evangelistic and missionary work, serving Defender Churches of the Island, do not wish to miss these days of fellowship at the close of the school

It is a custom for Pastors to make use of whatever transportation may be available, and bring groups of native converts from the interior, to Rio Piedras, for one or more of the services.

The result is that large crowds are present for these outpourings of spiritual blessing. Auditorium facilities are taxed to capacity, and overflow arrangements become necessary.

Student Sponsors

The Seminary offers a three-year course of intensive training equal to the best available in fundamental seminaries and Bible training institutes of the United States.

By decision of the Board of Trustees and Faculty, the financial plan used from year to year, permits readers of this Magazine to sponsor students of their own.

Seminary operating costs average \$17.50 per student, each month. (Example: the monthly budget for 100 students would be \$1,750.00 ... and the enrollment each year averages approximately one hundred.)

The above figure provides for bare essentials, such as food, books, dormitory accommodations for those who live on the premises ... and other inciden-

The person here at home who agrees to contribute this amount for nine consecutive months, is assigned a student and becomes known as a "Sponsor."

Each Sponsor receives a photograph, biographical statement and personal tes-timony of his student, together with reports of classroom work.

Not only individuals, but Churches, Sunday Schools or other groups may assume the care of a student.

Readers of this Department of The Defender will please bear in mind that the next school year will start in September (1958) ... and be thinking and praying about assuming the support of a student. A large enrollment is anticipated.

Economic Conditions

While the last decade has witnessed economic progress in Puerto Rico, great poverty still exists in all parts of the Island ... due, in part, to overpopula-

Many of the Seminary students come from the poorest and humblest walks of life. Their schooling depends upon assistance received from Christians residing in the United States who possess a missionary vision and Calvary-heart motive. This is true of the 26 just graduated.

It is not because Puerto Ricans are lazy that their children run naked, and whole families go to bed hungry, night after night.

They gladly work when employment is available. Industries are lacking. The average man who toils in the sugar cane may expect employment for only two or three months out of the year.

Because of its luxuriant tropical beauty, Puerto Rico is called the "Gem of the Carribean." Theodore Roosevelt was so impressed by its scenery that he named the Island the "Switzerland of America."

When approaching this colorful Isle from the air or by ship, one is impressed by its striking tropical allure but when the visitor reaches land, he discovers it to be a place of tragic contrasts.

Conditions are particularly bad in the rural districts. Disease stalks the Island, demanding a constant terrible toll. That such suffering and dire need can exist in the presence of unrivaled natural beauty is a striking paradox!

II Timothy 2:15

The guiding principle of the Defenders Theological Seminary is stated in the words of Paul, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Those presently serving on the Board of Directors are: Dr. W. T. Watson, President, Clearwater, Florida; Dr. Harvey H. Springer, Vice President, Englewood, Colorado; Dr. Edward Fehr, Secretary-Treasurer, Hoisington, Kansas; Rev. Gordon Winrod, San Antonio, Texas; Dr. Leonardo Castro, Bayamon, Puerto Rico; Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Rev. Licinio Rolon, Villapalmeras, Puerto Rico, Mrs. Geraldine Winrod Korell, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mr. Bransford Carney, Wichita, Kansas.

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IN THE EARLY part of the Sixteenth Century, a band of Spanish adventurers ventured as far north and west as "Colorado country," seeking gold, silver and other wealth which they could take back to their homeland. After searching diligently, discouraged by repeated failures, they left the territory in disgust, considering it of no earthly value.

Again in 1776, a Spanish expedition headed by Escalante, seeking a route to California, explored the southwestern corner of Colorado, but these adventurers also made no attempt at settlement.

It was not until after the Louisiana Purchase was consummated, in 1803, that any real interest was evidenced in this vast frontier. In rapid succession, men of the caliber of Pike, Long and Fremont headed exploration parties, to determine the resources of Colorado.

In 1850 a group of Cherokee Indians discovered gold, but it was not until 1858 that white men found gold along Cherry Creek (now in Denver) and set up a pioneer community. In the following year the gold rush began.

There was a rapid growth of rough and lawless mining camps, such as Cen-



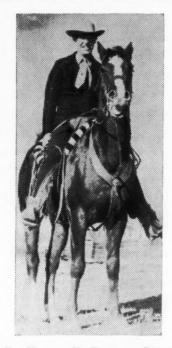
tral City, Idaho Springs, and Fairplay. There were other towns such as Boulder and Golden where the miners bought supplies and equipment.

In 1861 the Territory of Colorado (a name whose Spanish meaning is colored red) was created by Congress, but it was not until the coming of the railroads in 1870 that any perceptible growth in the population of the Territory was noted.

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The wealth of sunshine and the dry air make the climate of Colorado delightful and healthful. There are great differences in the average temperatures of various regions, however.



The mountain region is always much cooler than the plains. Extremes of heat and cold are not felt as severely in Colorado as in lower regions which have much more moisture.

Colorado is most popular with vacationists in the summer. There are many hot days, but the nights are always cool and bracing. It is cool in the shade in the daytime, since the dry, thin air does not hold heat as long as a moist atmosphere.

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Dr. Harvey Springer

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When writing about him, Dr. Win-rod, founder of this publication, said:

"It was a good day for evangelism in this country when Harvey H. Springer climbed down from the saddle in Wyoming, to enter the Christian ministry.

"During comparatively few years, he has completed a course at the Practical Bible Training School, entered upon an evangelistic career, turned out several brochures, launched a magazine, become pastor of a small church and changed it into the largest congregation in the state of Colorado, developed a radio ministry which has earned for himself the appellation 'Voice of the Rockies,' and established a reputation as one of the leading evangelists of our generation.

"Harvey Springer is just himself. He imitates no one. He is the personification of courage and frankness.

"If at times, he appears blunt and ruthless in denouncing evil, he is just being himself. If, on other occasions, his public speech develops a wooing note that fills every eye in the audience with tears, he is just being himself.

"If he walks into the pulpit wearing boots, garbed in a flaming shirt and flowing tie, carrying a five-gallon hat in his hand, he is just being himself. He is a hard worker, a deep student, an original thinker."

Youth Roundup

Dr. Springer has always been a friend of youth. His Church in Colorado has been blessed through the years with young men and women, who have grown up to be some of the outstanding preachers, evangelists and laymen in that section of America.

In the early 1940's Dr. Springer conceived the idea to create a new and different type of Youth Camp. In mulling the idea over in his mind, he took many things into consideration.

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ROSEMEAD, CALIFORNIA eral types of camps, but they just seemed to lack the punch and appeal to reach great numbers of youth. Something unique in location and program was the only answer, yet what could it be?

Then it hit him! Going back into his own early experience riding the range in Colorado and Wyoming, he struck upon a plan.

Why not set up a first class Christian dude ranch for an annual Youth Roundup? A place for a wholesome vacation and spiritual training. The pine and spruce-covered mountains of Colorado offered the finest setting for such a camp that could be desired.

He realized that not just any piece of property would do. It had to be ideal, a ranch that offered everything necessary for a Youth Roundup.

Dr. Springer took into his confidence a group of men, explained what they were to search for. It was not long befor this "possee" was hitting the trails in the mountains, following many unsuccessful quests.

Then, early in 1946, the spot was found, a ranch suitable for development into America's finest Youth Camp.

Located fifty miles northwest of Colorado Springs on a fine State highway, an ideal location consisting of 160 acres, was purchased. The ranch is in mountainous Jarre Canyon, surrounded on three sides by the Pike National For-

The camp site has wooded mountains, a small running stream and large grassy meadows,. Pure mountain springs come out of the hills at many places. The 8500 foot altitude boasts warm, sunny days and cool, clear nights.

In July 1946 a group of 250 young people attended the first "Roundup" at the ranch. In true western style, these pioneers camped out for eight wonderful days. Some slept in tents, some in

temporary buildings, and all ate chuck wagon grub from a typical ranch-type kitchen.

Time went only too fast as young people rode, hiked, pitched horseshoes, attended classes, grew in the Lord and rolled into their bunks each night, tired but happy.

Facilities weren't the best, but the food was good, the spirit was high and new friends were made. Many were saved during the camp and still others consecrated their lives for the Lord's work.

New Buildings

The end of the first Roundup was really just the beginning of the work. The temporary buildings were torn down and the material stored for use in the permanent structures yet to come. Roads were cut into the mountains of the more isolated end of the spread where the "Big Corral" for future Roundups was to be built.

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Since the first Conference mammoth dormitories, constructed of native logs, have been erected on opposite sides of the canyon, together with a massive dining room, complete with open fireplace, wagon wheel light fixtures and stuffed animals on the beams. A log Chapel was recently completed, which seats several hundred at each service. There are also individual cabins available for mothers and dads who do not prefer the "dormitory life."

Since the first Roundup in 1946, the Camp, now known as the Silver State Youth Camp, has mushroomed into a full-scale Ranch where those interested can relax, study the Word of God, meet new friends, and take time out for recreation also. It is proving to be an ideal vacation spot.

Many Churches have conceived the idea of sending their pastors there each year, knowing they will return to their pulpits refreshed, ready to tackle their duties with renewed vigor.

There are no dangerous cliffs or poisonous snakes to worry parents or en-danger young people. The ranch proper, as well as the Pike National Forest, provide many trails to be followed on horseback or foot.

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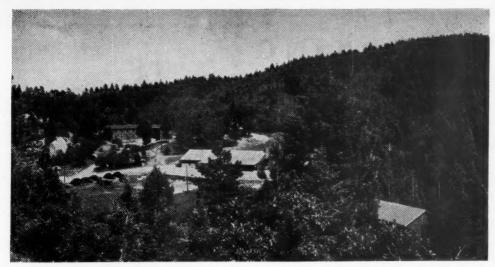
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A bird's-eye view of the Silver State Youth Camp, located in beautiful Jarre Canyon, 50 miles northwest of Colorado Springs, Colorado. To the left can be seen the girl's dormitory. In the center stands the massive dining hall and to the right, at the bottom of the picture, can be seen the roof of the boy's dormitory. All of the buildings are constructed of native logs. Individual cabins, not visible in this photograph, are interspersed throughout the Ranch. The beautiful Log Chapel, recently completed, seating several hundred at each service, is further back

The camp also provides for softball, horseshoes, ping pong and other games popular with young people.

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For those who are interested in relaxing, the pine-scented clear Rocky Mountain air does wonders. Warm sunny days and cool nights at the mile-anda-half altitude insure restful sleep. A short walk takes a person into many places of solitude for a time of quiet meditation or prayer. Dr. Springer says "You can get a little closer to Heaven at the 'Youth Roundup in the Rockies'."

No expense has been spared to provide the finest in Christian vacation facilities for youth. But this is only half the purpose. Churches need leaders for tomorrow. Young people need to be saved. Christian character needs to be built into lives.

When young people separate themselves from the turmoil and confusion of the world for one week or two, much more can be accomplished than in many weeks or months.

The Roundup of Youth provides the inspiration, fellowship and instruction necessary to fit young men and women for Christian service. Those in charge of the Camp endeavor to send each young person back to their home church better fitted to serve God.



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General Information

As the camp is strictly Western in nature, plaid shirts, blue jeans, overalls, boots, etc., are advisable for general use for both boys and girls. Heavy shoes with flat heels should be included in your pack for hiking. A warm sweater or jacket will be needed in the evenings and enough bedding should be brought along to insure warm sleeping.

Aside from the regular personal effects, soap, toothbrush, towel, etc., you should have a Bible, notebook, flashlight if possible, camera, some change for purchasing desired items at the Chuck Wagon and horseback riding, if you wish.

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Those interested in attending should write direct to Dr. Harvey H. Springer, P.O. Box 90 ... Englewood, Colorado, indicating whether married or single. If married, advise him how many will be in your party besides yourself.

The total rate, which includes lodging and board, together with registration fee, is only \$13.50 per week; two weeks \$24.00; three weeks \$35.00; four weeks \$44.00. There is an extra charge of \$1.00 for transportation from Denver to the camp and return.

In these days it is popular to leave Christ out of one's daily living. Dr. Springer is to be commended for his efforts in making young people (as well as their parents) more Christ conscious. He truly is making the Colorado State Motto come alive ... "Nothing Without God!"

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SMOKING And Juvenile Delinquency

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EVER SINCE the first really big news "bombshell" concerning the effects of smoking upon the health and well-being of the smoker appeared in Reader's Digest back in 1950 under the title, "How Harmful Are Cigarettes," the battle between the giant tobacco corporations and the handful of outspoken critics of the smoking habit has raged on. Week by week and month by month the anti-tobacco forces have grown stronger and have gained wider recognition and support.

Newspapers which once gave news about the harmful effects of smoking the "silent treatment" began giving more and more prominence to these reports until finally, in 1954, the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer suddenly crashed the front page from coast to coast.

The tobacco companies countered weakly with the claim that the "proof is not positive," and many executives of the tobacco firms feigned surprise over this news, despite the fact that Dr. Daniel Kress, formerly of Washington Sanitarium in Washington, D.C., wrote a book on the subject back in 1933, and sent copies to the executives of all the major tobacco companies.

Long before that Dr. William G. Lennox of the Harvard University medical faculty wrote a scathing rebuke to the president of the American Tobacco Company, denouncing its advertising, which was designed to entice youth to take up the smoking habit.

Such all-time "greats" in the sports world as Jack Dempsey, Ty Cobb, Knute Rockney, Alonzo Stagg and Gene Tunney, were on record, not only against the smoking habit, but also against the insidious methods used by tobacco companies to coax youth to start smoking.

Therefore, many of the crusaders who had led the fight against the smoke cloud over America turned away in nausea and disgust when the tobacco companies pleaded ignorance of any "harmful effects of tobacco smoking when the news of the link between smoking and lung cancer hit the headlines.

But just how much more is known about the harmful effects of smoking? Although lung cancer is, admittedly, a dreadful way to die, are there even greater dangers — perhaps of longer range in their effects, than the possible contraction of lung cancer as a result of continuous smoking?

What about the ever-increasing magnitude of smoking by teen agers? What connection, if any, does the smoking habit have with the startling increase in juvenile delinquency in recent years?

Perhaps the best way to answer the several questions regarding the effects of smoking upon youth is to quote directly the opinions expressed by the Judges who have seen these young people parade before them through the years, charged with crimes ranging from petty theft to armed robbery and murder.

Judge Torrence, former Superintendent, Illinois State Reformatory: "I am sure cigarettes are ruining and making criminals of more boys and girls than liquor!"

Judge B. S. Shaw of Hart, Michigan: "In every instance of juvenile delin-

quency in this court, I have found that the boys were cigarette smokers."

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Miss Winters, principal of one of the largest schools for delinquent girls in America: "Out of eleven hundred inmates, only 20 were non-smokers of cigarettes.'

Now, I can hear someone say, "But these are just opinions. How do these people know for sure that smoking caused the delinquency?

"Perhaps the boys and girls who got into trouble started smoking because they were potential delinquents in the first place; maybe smoking did not cause the delinquency at all.

If we had to rely entirely upon the circumstantial evidence based upon the observation of judges and heads of penal institutions, it is true that while the evidence is strong, we might have to give our "suspect" the benefit of the doubt and vote for an acquittal. Fortunately, there is still more evidence before we close "the case for the prosecution."

A number of years ago in England, where tobacco corporations do not wield the power they do in the United States, a careful study was made of boys from 14 years old through 18 years of age, to determine if there was a change in their scholastic ability during the four years of education following what we in the United States call elementary schooling.

Records were kept of the scholastic ability in such a way that boys of approximately the same basic mental abilities were grouped together.

Although no pressure was brought upon any of them to prevent them from taking up the smoking habit, those who did were noted in the records. At the end of a study of several years the test showed a startling and consistent fact:

Every boy who took up the smoking habit during these crucial years of growth showed a marked drop in scholastic ability, often as high as 30 to 50 per cent, while those who did not start the habit continued at an even rate proportionate with that with which they started their secondary education!

At approximately this time other studies were being made of the effects of smoking upon the body to determine whether they were good, bad, or had little or no effect.

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One discovery that led to the explanation of why smoking had such a marked effect upon mental growth and scholastic ability was the fact that within a very few seconds after a smoker (or even one who has never smoked before) takes a puff or two from a cigarette (or any tobacco, for that matter) every single blood vessel in the body shrinks!

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The shrinkage is not great; otherwise smokers would all drop dead. No, they don't drop dead, at least not for years, but very gradually changes take place, and the extremely fine blood vessels called capillaries, which feed the brain are so tiny in the first place that further shrinkage results in a literal starvation effect upon the entire brain, with resultant changes in all basic character functions.

These changes manifest themselves in various ways, but among them, some seem to occur in all growing youth who take up smoking early.

These include sullen attitudes, increased laziness, general lassitude, restlessness, temper flare ups and disregard for authority. The once easy-going boy becomes touchy and irritable. He begins to feel that "everybody is picking on me."

The slightest degree of discipline, no matter how just it may be or how tactfully it is administered, is resented. The seeds which can quickly grow into what we call juvenile delinquency have been sown, and they are growing and preparing to bear fruit.

Further studies are constantly being made, but so far no emphatic proof has been forthcoming to indicate that smoking has the effect upon adults in connection with dynamic character changes that it has upon growing youth.

These studies do show increased nervousness, irritableness, and general restlessness, however. Even without the added effects of mental retardation, these effects alone are enough in a troubled world to make men incapable of calm, clear thinking.

Who of those who read this can say they have never given a sharp answer under stress that they later wished they had not made? And are not sharp answers from our government leaders what can, and have, led to wars?

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overwhelming that it is, then we have but to go one step further to see what the ever increasing habit of smoking can do to America, especially since no effort whatsoever is made to enforce laws which most states have forbidding the sale of or use of tobacco to those under eighteen years of age.

Vending machines are within easy access in restaurants and malt shops where high school boys and girls congregate, and few storekeepers will refuse to sell cigarettes to boys and girls obviously under eighteen. To my knowledge there has never been an arrest made of those guilty of dispensing tobacco to minors.

Several years ago the Christian Crusaders launched a "smoke crusade," and for a time carried broadcasts on several radio stations.

Its hard-hitting brochure entitled "Death Wrapped in Cellophane ... It's Milder That Way!" picturing a facsimile pack of cigarettes bearing the above legend, created a considerable stir. More than a hundred thousand were distributed, including copies to every Congressman and Senator in Washington.

Two books totaling over two hundred pages also were distributed through the publicity from these broadcasts.

These volumes, "The Cigarette As A Physician Sees It," by Dr. Daniel H. Kress, and "The Cigarette And You," by Dr. Donald M. Hewitt, contain the strongest indictment of the smoking habit ever put into print.

This campaign did a great deal to awaken interest in the menace of the smoking habit to our nation.

Two bills have been introduced in Congress designed to curb the advertising practices of the tobacco companies. Some headway has been made, as one can readily see by comparing the type of appeal being made today with that which was made several years ago.

For a while tobacco companies were indirectly claiming that smoking could "keep you well!"

The campaign became so flagrant that one company in retaliation began advertising that "we are tobacco men, not medicine men!"

The constant pressure upon our Congress was bearing fruit even then, and the Federal Trade Commission acted to stop the medical appeal of some unscrupulous companies.

On May 21st of this year the Associated Press reported that a Bill has been proposed in the United States Senate offering federal aid for the purpose of educating school children on the effects of tobacco and alcohol.

Prior to this, Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah proposed an amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act providing that the following Warning be required to be placed on the outside of every carton and package of cigarettes sold:

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The public is awakening. The signs are brighter. But is youth listening? I believe that you and I owe it to America to alert the teen agers to the fact that they are actually being taken for such ers to fill gigantic treasuries of selfishmen at the cost of their health, their strength, their manhood and womanhood.

I feel that the books mentioned above, together with the hard-hitting brochure, "Death Wrapped In Cellophane — It's Milder That Way," should be put into the hands of every American boy and girl (See advertisement, page 2, this Dejender).

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—William Cullen Bryant

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

A thirty per cent Christian cannot be a hundred per cent American.

The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

-Oliver W. Holmes

There is no security on this earth. There is only opportunity.

-Douglas MacArthur

Public opinion is just private opinion that makes enough noise to attract attention. When some people yell for tolerance, what they really want is special privilege.

-Garner (Iowa) Leader

The noblest motive is the public good.

The state that tolerates disrespect for any law breeds defiance to all law.

Patriotic men do not shrink from danger when conscience points the path.

While just government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest support.

-George Washington

The public business of the nation is the private business of every citizen.

We all love that flag. It gladdens the heart of the old and the young, and it shelters us all. Wherever it is raised, on land or sea, at home or in our distant

possessions, it always stands for liberty and humanity; and wherever it is assaulted the whole nation rises up to defend it.

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A flag neglected means flagging patriotism.

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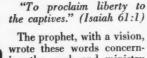
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EDITORIALS

PROCLAIM LIBERTY



The prophet, with a vision, wrote these words concerning the work and ministry of Christ. In Luke 4:18 we have the fulfillment. No one sets captives free as does our Lord. Freedom is at the heart of the Christian religion.

As I write this editorial, I am conducting a Revival Crusade in the beautiful First Independent Church of Richmond, Virginia. The pastor is a strong, evangelical leader in this area.

Yesterday he took us for a visit to one of America's most interesting shrines of freedom—St. John's Church. Richmond is often referred to as "The heart of historyland," a name it rightly deserves.

Going into the tree-shaded Church yard, we passed by hundreds of graves. The inscriptions on many were so worn by time and weather the names could not be discerned.

Knowing that these resting places contained the remains of many of our founding fathers, these faded tombstones looked like glorious statues of liberty.

Then a feeling of awe came over me as I said to myself, "If these patriots could come back and see how dimly burns the Light of Liberty today, they would feel we had failed them."

Inside this historic St. John's Church is the very spot where, in March of 1775, Patrick Henry, in a most dramatic way, as if by inspiration, uttered the words that were to live in American

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Dr. W. T. Watson, President Trinity College Clearwater, Florida history — "Give me Liberty, or give me death."

We sat in the pew where he sat, and stood on the very spot he was standing when he spoke the words that challenged the hearts of his countrymen.

Before leaving the sanctuary of this hallowed place, I bowed my head in prayer, thanking God for our courageous Christian forefathers and prayed the Lord to help us, as a nation, to return to the ideals for which they fought and died.

Present at the meeting, when Patrick Henry spoke, were men who made history — Washington, Jefferson, Marshall and others.

In 1775 this Church, with an auditorium measuring thirty by sixty feet, was the most commodious in the city. Richmond was incorporated in 1742 and was a colonial city of culture and commerce.

It has gone through the fires of two wars, yet today influence of the colonial culture is still to be found in this thriving, busy, growing city.

Rebirth of Freedom Needed

Satanic forces are at work today to remove the Christian freedom we have experienced in the past.

Freedom is not preserved in chains or promoted by bayonets and guns. Our greatest danger is not Russian Communism, as bad as that is, but our danger lies in individual indifference to the spirit of American Socialism that is gradually seizing the political, religious and economic life of our country.

Our liberties are being lost from within.

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It is not popular today to say "I am an American." With the One World idea prevailing, we are about to lose our national individuality.

It would be well to again institute "I Am An American" Day. Enemies of our Christian American ideals would like for us to surrender our Stars and Stripes for a One World flag. May that dark day never come.

Our freedom loving founding fathers never intended the strong hand of federal power to regulate and prescribe for private business; or to invade the sanctity of the school room; or to deny a sovereign state the right to make and enforce laws to govern its people within the limit of the state.

There was a time, not so long ago, when we felt we owned the government, but now the feeling is the government owns us!

Let us all as Christians make this month of July a special time for prayer for our country. Two powerful weapons are still in our hands — the instrument of prayer, and the ballot box. These have, and can yet, change and make our country a better, safer place in which to worship, work and live.

The Christ, Who came to "proclaim liberty to the captives" can do it for the individual or nation who will accept and honor Him.

Liberty is ours with Him, death is ours without Him. It is one of the two. "Give me Liberty, or give me death."

Educational Brain Washing

Brain washing is a comparatively new word in our vocabulary. It is usually thought of in a political sense. This sinister method of changing a per-

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son's political views has been used by the Communists often by force but more subtle in persuasion.

Here in America for many years a brain washing system has been employed in our educational systems. By the teaching of the evolutionary theory concerning the creation of man, our youth were being brain washed of one of the cardinal concepts of the Christian religion - the work of God in the creation of man.

To change a child's view of the Bible account of creation and to rule God out of the origin of man is to prepare a child's mind for the theory of atheism and agnosticism. To such, the true value of life is lost. This satanic system of brain washing continues in many of our schools.

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The "right to work" is fundamental to our American free enterprise system and if one is to be preserved, the other must be also. Compulsory unionism, which the big automobile companies have accepted, gives labor leaders unlimited power, ... unlimited power extorts wage increases beyond the basis of reason, and these wage increases produce an inflation that rapidly permeates the general economy.

Eliminate compulsory unionism from the American labor picture and you eliminate one of the great underlying evils affecting our economy at the present

While on the subject of unions, at a recent Washington conference sponsored by the AFL-CIO, Mr. George Meany exhorted his followers to demand higher wages as a means for ending the re-

Mr. Meany has demonstrated repeatedly that he is not a deep thinker. When wages are hoisted, the cost of living increases!

Gloom Talk

Today the crews who shouted about backward America a few months ago have joined with the spreaders of gloom and despair and are determined that this country is going into a full scale depression.

The facts in the present situation are these: We are in an automobile recession because the automobile companies have priced their cars out of the market.

With banks having more deposits than ever before and with the building and loan associations making remarkable expansions, still the people will not buy cars at present day prices.

The impact of the recession in the automobile industry is being felt through-

out the nation. The automobile industry is a basic industry.

It has not been unusual to have periods where a large percentage of our people have been unemployed, particularly during the Roosevelt administra-

When from 1933 to 1940 the unemployment figure never went down below 14.3 per cent and at one time was up as high as 24.9 per cent. The high unemployment, of course, ended with World War Two.

The only honest way to judge today's recession is to use percentages - to express unemployment as a percentage of the labor force - to ask oneself these questions, "How big a percentage of our labor force is unemployed today? How big a percentage in 1954?"

On the basis of percentage unemployment, the current recession is more severe than that of 1953-1954. It is not as severe as the recession of 1950.

The writer realizes that 5-billion unemployed presents a serious situation. This is being recognized and constructive measures have been taken to present immediate relief.

> -Honorable Gardner R. Withrow Congressman from Wisconsin

Theodore Roosevelt

The nation is in process of observing the 100th aniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

Something which he wrote has not lost significance with the passage of the years. It reads like this:

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood - the virtues that made America.

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IF YOU are a traveling sight-seer visiting our national capital, you must not fail to pay a visit to the Supreme Court when it is in session.

There you will see nine oversized justices all done up in their impressive black gowns - with at least one exception, Justice Felix Frankfurter, who is the shortest but by no means the least important.

The biggest and widest is Chief Justice Earl Warren, who sits in the center and presides over the "august" tribunal.

The scenery, the costumes and the ancient ritual are the same as they have been for at least a century. But the quality of the product which comes out of the Court - namely Justice - has suffered a shocking and, indeed, a pathetic falling off.

However, if you visit the Court or have ever visited it or would like to know not just what goes on inside the building, but inside the heads of the justices, I would suggest you read a very instructive and entertaining new book about them.

It is called "Nine Men Against America" by Rosalie M. Gordon (orders are being processed by Defenders, Inc., Wichita, Kansas at \$3.00 per copy).

This book is an expansion of her widely popular pamphlet of the same name. The title is a perfect one. And any literate citizen who is interested in his country and its future would do well to get a copy of this intensely absorbing book.

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I think it is a fair statement to say that the troubles we are now in - the appalling entanglements all over the world; the wild, almost frantic flinging of American dollars around the world; American soldiers stationed in the far places of the earth; the debts, the taxes, the subversion, the hatreds - could well be traced to the dreadful assault on the American system which was accomplished by driving from the Supreme Court bench the eminent men who adorned it and filled it with a collection of New Deal-Fair Deal-"Modern" Republican politicians.

It may be true that the Court's grave assault on our constitutional system and the shocking aid it has given to the communist conspiracy in America cannot be easily corrected.

These blackrobed gents have a hold on their seats from which they are not easily dislodged. But, after all, the Constitution does have in it a clause which permits changes in the Constitution itself. And there is another clause which permits Congress to curb a runaway Court.

Perhaps it is too much to suppose that the politicians who run our country will make an effort to correct this situa-

I would say that the two gravest evils which now bedevil our once great system are the income tax and the Supreme Court as at present stacked.

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As a starter, let me repeat my suggestion that every citizen interested in his country get and read Rosalie Gordon's book, "Nine Men Against Ameri-

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Lesson Number One

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CHRISTIAN HOMES

Ephesians 5:21-31; 6:1-4; I Timothy 5:8

MEMORY TEXT: "The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish." Proverbs 14:11.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as

- follows:

 A. Obligations of husbands and wives. Ephesians
 5:21-31.
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 S. Obligations of parents and children. Ephesians 6:1-4.

 C. Obligations to the aged. I Timothy 5:8.

 D. Obligations to the world. Philippians 2:4.

The Key Word: Love

According to Noah Webster, love is "a feeling of strong personal attachment induced by that which delights or commands admiration, by sympathetic understanding or by ties of kinship; ardent affection."

The Greeks had three verbs which they used to express the various shades of meaning of love.

Eran, which denoted the love of desire; desire not only of man for woman but for all kinds of objects worthy to be possessed (the love of beauty, of good, etc.)

This possessive love was the principal motive of the normal life (love of the virtues), the artistic life (love of beauty), the philosophic life (love of life eternal, of immortality, etc.), in the Greek-Roman world.

Philein (which has given "philanthropy" to our language) denotes the unselfish love which cares for a man, a friend, a native land, and so on.

Greek thought chiefly points it out among superior people, in whom the will and nobility of heart have mastered human passions.

Agapan, much less frequent and much less colorful, was employed in the two senses given above with a preference for the latter.

It is a significant fact that it is this last verb which the translators of the

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Old Testament into Greek preferred most often to translate the corresponding Hebrew word, and from the Old Testament this Greek word passed into early Christian language and was spread throughout the Greek-Roman world by the New Testament. Perhaps no other Greek term owed so much to early Christianity.

Someone, in endeavoring to define love, has said: Patience is love on the anvil, bearing blow after blow of suffer-

Zeal is love in the harvest field, never tiring of toil; Meekness is love in company, when it vaunteth not itself;

Perseverance is love on a journey, pressing on with unflagging step toward the end; Joy is love making its own sunshine, where others see nothing but gloom.

Power is love driving the soul's chariot wheels over all opposition; Gentleness is nothing but love in her own sweet voice and charming manner.

The Key Verse: Ephesians 6:4

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the

Paul had a sensitive sympathy with the wrongs which children sometimes suffer, and a strong sense of their claims to consideration.

Children are to "obey" and to "honour" even unreasonable, capricious and unjust parents; but it is the duty of parents not to be unreasonable, capricious or unjust.

Parents are sometimes wanting in courtesy to children as well as children to parents, speak to them roughly, violently, insultingly - and so inflict painful wounds on their self-respect.

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The terms translated, "nurture and admonition," were very familiar words to the Greeks.

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They were proud of their system of education and, viewed from a moral point, they had reason to be so; Their plans were admirably constituted for the development of the body, the culture of intellect, and the refining of the aristocratic taste in society.

But between man and God was the greatest deficiency: the vital deficiency was that which is supplied here by the apostle when he used these words, and said, "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord;" for it is Christianity alone which touches the mainspring of our nature, which brings all its parts into harmony with themselves, and restores, as a whole, man to the friendship and communion of God.

The Key Fact: Parenthood is a Sacred Responsibility

Family life has its origin with God. A more sacred position than that of father or mother it is impossible to occupy. And this because the highest revelation of God presents Him to us as a Parent.

He is the Father of men. In every family, therefore, where love abounds and holy authority rules, there is a reflection of God.

Then, further, according to a law of our Maker, children are a gift. They are budding men and women.

As parents, we exert a powerful influence. This can hardly be exaggerated, especially in the formative years of childhood.

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Leviticus 19:15-18; James 2:1-9

MEMORY TEXT: "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. We should respect our neighbors. Leviticus 19:15.
- B. Gossiping or talebearing forbidden. Leviticus 19:16.
- C. Hatred and grudge-bearing not Christlike. Levit-icus 19:17-18.
- D. There should be equality among Christians. James 2:2-9.

The Key Word: Neighbor

The foundation of community life is neighborliness — the practice of it. It requires practice to make and maintain a neighborhood, in the truest sense.

Without sharing, without the practice of neighborliness, no community can long exist.

In Luke 10:25-37 is found the parable which is familiarly known as "the good Samaritan." It might with equal propriety be entitled, "How to Be a Neighbor.'

We are often told that a neighbor is one who helps in times of need. Now we must be careful not to limit the meaning of the word "need" to the physical.

There are physical needs, that is true; but man also has intellectual and spiritual needs. A neighbor may be one who ministers in any or all of the areas of a man's life.

A Christian neighbor does more than minister to the needs of his friends; he has compassion upon his enemies as well. This is the command of Jesus, as well as His example.

The truest neighbor of all is the Christian who not only helps to supply the physical needs of those about him, but also tells the story of God's love and salvation through Jesus. (See Romans 12:20 and Romans 13:8-10.)

The Key Verse: James 2:8

"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well."

You will observe that love to one's neighbor is likened to love to God. Let us try, then, to get at the principle on which love to God must rest, and this will be the principle of love to our neighbor.

Why should we love God with heart, mind, soul and strength? It is because in God man finds the ideals which are

the prototypes of all that is noble in himself, and which therefore he must love if he would be true to his own better nature and higher destiny.

And the obligation of man to love his neighbor as himself lies in the fact that it is in his neighbor that man gets his clearest revelation of God - more clearly than any revelation in words or

To see Christian men and women at their best; to turn toward them the best side of our nature; to abjure pride; to banish self-seeking and selfishness; to follow, if only for an hour, lofty ideals;

To enjoy the bright flashes of wit, the sustained delight of high converse; to think, not of self, but of others; and to lose one's self in gracious ministry to others - this of itself ought to be an educating, ennobling employment which would train men for ideal pursuits, both here and hereafter.

The principle of the Cross underlies all good manners. Self-denial, self-control, self-sacrifice, the very essence of Christianity, are actually put into practice in the behavior of good society.

The Key Fact: The Wise Invest in the Lives of Others

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"Then I married and went to America to live. Years passed, and my only daughter grew up, married an Englishman, and found her home in my old English town. Then came the wonder!

"My daughter was speedily surrounded by a group of loyal, although humble, friends. My few seeds of teaching have come back to my daughter and her children in an abundant harvest of gratitude and service.

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FREE MORAL AGENTS

Amos 7:10-15; Galatians 5:1, 13-18, 25

MEMORY TEXT: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. The Christian made free by truth. John 8:32.
- B. The Christian made free from the law. Galatians 3:25.
- C. The Christian freed from the power of sin. Galatians 5:16.
- D. The Christian held accountable for his acts. Revelation 20:12.

The Key Word: Free

America has long been known as "the land of the free and the home of the brave." It is rather difficult for us to think of people living in countries where the freedoms we enjoy are denied the citizens.

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" - these we hold to be the "inalienable" rights of every man.

Our nation is founded upon the guarantee of these rights to each citizen. Life is protected, liberty assured, and the pursuit of happiness open to every

Choice of companion, occupation, avocation, place of residence, and religion may be made freely without interference from the government. These are our rights, as guaranteed under the Constitution.

The four freedoms (which were a by-word during the Second World War) - freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech and freedom of religion - are involved in "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, especially in the latter.

Hungry, needy people are not happy people; fear drives out peace and contentment; restricted speech is a step toward the withdrawal of all liberties; and banning of, or coercion in, religion is the climax of tyranny.

Freedom, not slavery, must be the heritage our children receive from us.

The Bible goes beyond political, economic and social freedom, important as they are to the individual ... and takes one back to the freedom of the soul.

The source of Christian freedom is Jesus Christ and His Word, as given us in the Bible, for Jesus said: "If ye continue in my word ... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Like the poet, the Christian can repeat, "Stone walls do not a prison make" if I "in my soul am free."

The Key Verse: Galatians 5:1

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.'

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When a man is in slavery he is not his own master; he acts and lives under the direction of others, and the responsibility of life is in a greater or less degree shifted from him on to someone else.

When a man becomes free, he assumes the duties of life, and recognizes that it rests only with himself whether those duties are performed or not.

And so man, living under the Christian covenant stands in a direct personal relation to God, a relation of trust.

Gifted with freewill, he is answerable for his conduct; subjected no longer to the ordinances of the Mosaic Law, he claims the liberty of the Gospel; but he dares not forget that there still is a law limiting and controlling the freedom which he enjoys, and that every action of his carries responsibility with it.

The spirit, not the letter, of Sinai is met with again in the Sermon on the Mount. All Christian duties are summed up there and enforced with the authority of One who taught not as the scribes and Pharisees, and who spake as never man spake.

The Key Fact: The Christian Should be Steadfast

Standing on the shore of an estuary, one sees a boat riding in the tideway, when seaweed and other things float by, over the self-same spot; and whether the tide ebbs or flows, whether it steals quietly in or comes on with the rush and roar of foaming billows, the boat always boldly shows its face to it; and turning its head to the current receives on its bows, to split them, the shock of

This, which to a child would seem strange, is due to the anchor that lies below the waters and, grasping the solid ground with its iron arms, holds fast the boat.

It seems no less wonderful to see a tree - no sturdy oak, but slender birch, or aspen - standing erect away up on a mountain brow; where, exposed to the sweep of every storm, it has gallantly maintained its ground against the tempests that have laid in the dust the stateliest ornaments of the plain.

But our wonder ceases as soon as we climb the height, and see wherein its great strength lies; how it has struck its roots down into the mountain, and wrapped them with many a strong twist and turn round and round the rock!

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THE CHRISTIAN and GOVERNMENT

Deuteronomy 16:18-20; Amos 5:12-15; Romans 13:1-7

MEMORY TEXT: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." Romans 13:7.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Government is ordained of God. Deuteronomy 16:18-20.
- 16:18-20.

 B. Government serves a purpose. I Corinthians 14:40.
- C. The Christian's relation to human government. Romans 13:1-7.
- D. The Christian's relation to divine government. Colossians 1:13.

The Key Word: Good

Good citizenship is the vital concern of everyone, for we are all citizens. That which affects us affects the nation, and that which affects the nation affects us. Good citizens, as well as good rulers, are necessary for our government to function at its best.

Every citizen needs to be familiar with the work of his government. He should know the rights, privileges and duties which are his, and the rights, privileges and duties of others. Only in this way can he take his proper place in the governmental community.

A good citizen must be constantly aware of the dangers which threaten the peace, unity and progress of the nation, and how best to use his power to counteract them.

He should know the qualifications of office seekers, especially their moral character; for without moral integrity, no man is truly qualified to hold office.

A good citizen has the right attitude — respect for authority and the desire to further good government.

The laws were made for him as well as others. He asks no favors, seeks no immunity, yields obedience, sanctions no respect of persons in the administration of justice.

But if there is to be respect for authority, that authority must be respectable. Incompetent, corrupt leaders will make respect impossible.

God expects those in positions of leadership to be beyond reproach, above bribery, sincere, seeking to serve.

A good citizen is active, exercising his privileges and accepting his responsibilities under the government.

Some would have Christians remain aloof from every contact with political matters, accepting no responsibility in government. But we must not forget that God sanctioned government.

The Key Verse: Romans 13:1

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

This injunction is given to "every soul." And with regard to its extent, Peter says, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man."

If anything, indeed, were enjoined on us inconsistent with God's will, "we are to obey God rather than man," as did the three Hebrew youths, Daniel and Peter.

When, however, they are not at variance with the law of God, the Scriptures expressly enjoin an unreserved obedience.

Expenses must be incurred, both in carrying on affairs and in supporting the dignity and remunerating the labors of the officers of state.

Hence there must be taxes, "tribute" and "custom." Therefore all shrinking from bearing our proportional weight of the public burdens is not only against the law of the land, but the Word of God.

The government is made for the people, and not the people for the government.

To the masses it matters little what form of government obtains, but it matters much indeed whether the government rules according to wise or unwise principles.

The Key Fact: The Christian is Subject to Civil Authority

Our notions about public duty are low altogether, because we often look upon civil society either as a matter of mutual convenience only between man and man, or else as an injustice and encroachment made by the rich and powerful on the rights and welfare of others.

But as Christ has ennobled and sanctified the dearest of our domestic relations, that of marriage, by comparing it to the tender and affectionate care with which He watches over those who are united in one body to Him as the Head, so are our public relations raised by being equally connected with the service of our Lord.

Laws and governments are His ordinances, just as marriage is His ordinance, or the relations between parents and their children.

Laws are entitled to our obedience, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake; that is, not only because we may incur a penalty if we disobey them, but because, whether we do or no, we are certainly, by disobeying them, doing that which is displeasing in the sight of God.

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"Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father." Genesis 19:36.

IN THE tragic words of the Scripture quoted above, an account of drunkenness and incest, ends the record of the life of Lot, the nephew of Abraham. The picture is one of ruin and a wasted life.

A mere glance might well convince one that this man was a great sinner, one who had never known the Lord and could look forward only to an everlasting hell.

But such is not the case and it would be well for every child of God to consider how this man arrived at his final destination, drunk and compromised by his own daughters.

Lot a Saved Man

First, let us establish that Lot was a saved man, a believer in the God of Abraham.

Peter in his epistle clearly states the fact: "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)." (II Peter 2:7-8)

The descendants of Lot, though born of this incestuous relationship, were granted an inheritance in the land by God under the Mosaic Law (Deuteronomy 2:9,19). Divine help to them is praised in Psalm 83:8. How then did Lot become the miserable, sinning saint of our text? Little by little!

The eleventh chapter of Genesis gives the ancestry of Abraham, the father of the faithful, descendant of Shem, the blessed of God. However, it is likewise the lineage of Lot, also a Semite, and as much a Hebrew as his Uncle Abraham.

Lot was in the blood line of promise. With the death of his father and grandfather he became the ward of Abraham and dwelt with this near kinsman. Because Abraham was without an heir, it appeared for a time that possibly Lot would inherit the promise. He followed close by his Uncle to the land of promise and shared in the blessings of Abraham's obedience. He enjoyed a favored position next to the man of faith and without doubt knew God and His promise to Abraham and believed it. God blessed Lot and he followed Him ... for a time.

Little by Little

Keep in mind, please, that what was true of Lot can be true of any Christian. Backsliding can come as a result of either severe trial or extreme blessing. Unless we are careful to maintain a close walk with the Lord, we too can become a Lot, little by little.

Lot's first test came when he was separated from Abraham and let his eyes deceive him into choosing the well-watered plain of Jordan and pitching his tent *toward* the sinful city of Sodom (Genesis 13:10-14). Lot thus made the first step downward by lusting for the material and choosing his portion from among those of the world.

The next time we see Lot (Genesis 14:12) he has become a *part* of the wicked city and as a result is taken captive with the other inhabitants.

So it is with any believer who chooses to dwell among sinners. He is soon as much a captive as they are. Little by little Lot is sinking farther into the quagmire of sin. Rescued by faithful Abraham and afforded a second chance, Lot again fails and returns to the cities of unspeakable iniquity.

Chapter nineteen of Genesis concludes the story of Lot and the little faults that brought about his downfall. He is pictured as sitting in the gate of the city scholars tell us that this is evidence that Lot was one of the elders or rulers of the metropolis). He is now completely engrossed in the life of Sodom, identified as one with the men of the city. The name Lot means veiled, perhaps significant of the fact that the testimony of Lot was completely hidden.

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God in His mercy sends His angels to deliver Lot before judgment falls. The men of the city, Lot's companions, with whom he vexed his soul day by day, attempt to perpetrate the sin which has taken the name of that wicked city, upon these heavenly messengers.

What is the answer of Lot in the crisis? He offers to compromise his own virgin daughters to the lusting mob. It is no great wonder then that they later prostitute themselves unto him without either shame or remorse. Little by little the web of wickedness is woven.

The testimony of Lot is gone. He has lost the confidence and respect of his family and the city. His sons-in-law laugh at his warning, spoken in the name of the Lord. He lingers in Sodom and, with his wife and daughters, is literally dragged from the place where he had become so rooted.

Even in this merciful escape Lot was not satisfied to obey God and follow in His way. God would have had him go back to the heights that he forsook for Sodom (Genesis 19:17-19). But Lot argued for the life of the city — "just a little one."

How like some Christians who cling to the little sins and become a Lot, little by little.

A Lost Testimony

This then is the series of events that led to the disgraceful end of Lot. Luke 17:32 says "Remember Lot's wife." To remember Lot's wife we must first remember Lot! He was responsible for his wife and his children. He was the spiritual leader of the family. Had he maintained a high, holy life, the words of our text could never have been penned. Lot was saved, yes, but miserable, and no testimony for the Lord.

It is possible to become another Lot, little by little, and we should consider this example like that of other Old Testament Scriptures, that we be not guilty of similar sins that will destroy us spiritually.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom

the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful,

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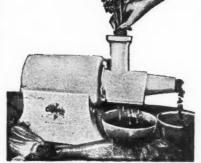
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